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A dark day. The Boston Marathon was forever changed one year ago when two homemade bombs exploded near the finish line, killing three and wounding 260.

A bright future. The resiliency of survivors, and the community that united around them, has shown how truly strong Boston — and America — is. PAGES 10-11

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Rapper Meek Mill sues Philadelphia police

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Lawsuit. Mill alleges he lost millions when he was 'falsely imprisoned,' the suit states.

Rapper Meek Mill claims the Philadelphia police department owes him money.

The Philadelphia-born artist was detained in October 2012 after he wouldn't allow police to search his vehicle. Cops claimed they smelled pot, but Mill said they didn't find anything, according to TMZ.

Mill, 26, whose real name is Robert Williams, alleged he was held for nine hours, reports say. He further alleges that police officers posted pictures of him on Instagram while in custody.

Because of the incident, Mill said he missed a flight to Atlanta for an appearance. According to a lawsuit, he wants police — specifically Philadelphia officers Andre Boyer and Michael Vargas — to pay for the cancelled jet ($22,000) and a lost appearance fee ($39,000), reports say. He also claims the negative publicity cost him a $2 million deal with the Puma shoe and apparel company. The deal was negotiated down to $650,000, according to the gossip news site.

Mill claims false imprisonment and invasion of privacy. METRO

Meek Mill / GETTY IMAGES

Other legal troubles

- **2008** Served time for drugs, gun possession
- **2012** Violated probation; judge revoked travel permit
- **May 2013** Violated probation; ordered to take etiquette classes
- **June 2013** Failed to report travel plans

Rehearsing for Carnaval de Tlaxcala

Mexican immigrants and their children from the region of Tlaxcala rehearsed dances beneath I-95 in South Philadelphia, ahead of the annual Carnaval de Tlaxcala celebration at the Salon La Arena slated for May 25. / CHARLES MOSTOLLER, METRO

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Top 3

What's trending online at Metro.us

1 'VIDEO: Leonardo DiCaprio is Coachella's dancing king'

2 'NSFW: US Airways tweets vagina photo in response to complaint'

3 '49ers Aldon Smith makes terroristic threats, claims he has bomb'

Pulitzer tweet

"#PulitzerPrize for criticism awarded to @PhillyInquirer's @IngaSaffron"

Per @CJR, Inga Saffron, The Philadelphia Inquirer's longtime architecture critic, was named the recipient of the Pulitzer Prize for criticism. She is a former three-time nominee for her "Changing Skyline" column, which has challenged architectural and engineering decisions within the city since 1999. Pulitzers, the highest honor in professional journalism, are distributed yearly by Columbia University.

Domestic

Guilty plea in 'murder-for-hire' of SEPTA driver

A woman pleaded guilty Monday to masterminding a murder-for-hire plot that left her SEPTA driver boyfriend whom she lived with dead.

Desiree Arnett Hicks, 58, pleaded guilty to murder in the third degree and conspiracy to commit murder.

DESIREE ARNETT HICKS /PPD

Aaron Hayes Sr., 52, was shot to death on May 31, 2012, as he was leaving his house to head to work as a SEPTA bus driver just before 5 a.m. He allegedly had told Hicks he wanted her out of the house, at which point she allegedly enlisted the aid of suspected shooter Miguel Gonzalez.

Evidence against Hicks included the fact that immediately after his death, she moved to obtain his customized van and access his bank account, reports say.

Courts records indicate Gonzalez is still headed to trial on murder charges. SAM NEWHOUSE

Off-campus. Temple visitor falls to death

A Temple University student's guest fell to his death Sunday night from an off-campus apartment building, police said.

The body of the 21-year-old man was found just after midnight lying in the street below an open fifth-floor window outside the apartment building at 1825 N. 10th St., police spokeswoman Christine O'Brien said.

"It appears at this time that he fell from that window," O'Brien said. The man was pronounced dead at Temple University Hospital. It is not clear if the fall was intentional or accidental. The man's identity and origin had not been released at press-time, but O'Brien said, "He's not from Philly." TOMMY ROWAN

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Teachers sound the crisis alarms

Public interest. A new website about the school budget crisis is receiving about 1,000 hits daily.

They showed the city their faces, and now they're showing their classrooms — post budget cuts.

Science Leadership Academy English teacher Larissa Pahomov created FacesoftheLayoffs.org, which launched last June, to catalog the photos and stories of laid-off public school employees.

Her new venture, Philly Teachers Sound the Alarm at PhillyTeachers.org, catalogues the consequences of budget cuts on the students and teachers that the public doesn't see.

According to Pahomov, the website was the brainchild of a new teachers union group, the Caucus of Working Educators, which was formed about two weeks ago and has about 100 members.

The website launched on April 7.

The caucus came together shortly after the school district petitioned the state Supreme Court for permission to impose work rules on teachers.

Their grievances are told with pictures depicting a textbook that considers the Soviet Union alive and well; the key attached to a long chain to unlock the bathrooms closed for lack of hall monitors; constantly out-of-order water fountains.

"These stories are horrible," Pahomov said, "but people feel empowered finally to have a venue where they can share what's really going on with each other and with the general public."

The doors are locked

Pahomov said the bathrooms at Abraham Lincoln High School in Mayfair are locked all day.

- "So the kids can't use the bathroom, and so they go to the nurse's office to use it," she said.
- The policy, she said, is to lock the bathrooms during passing periods to encourage kids to go straight to class. "That's their policy, that's fine, but then they don't have the staff to unlock the bathrooms between periods." And the nurse says explicitly in her writeup that the doors are also locked to prevent the bathrooms from becoming havens for drug use.

Quoted

"Talking about budgets is very esoteric for people. It's very hard to put your finger on it. So we said, 'Why don't we explain in very simple terms how are the budget cuts affecting you.'"

Amy Roat, ESL teacher and union representative at Feltonville School of Arts and Sciences

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Tickling the ivories for market shoppers

Sophia Shillito plays the piano for Monday's lunch crowd at Reading Terminal Market. / CHARLES MOSTOLLER, METRO

Playing it as it lies

Harmony Pitts played miniature golf at Franklin Square on Monday with her family. / CHARLES MOSTOLLER, METRO

Not over yet

Philly could see snow Tuesday night

Yes, there is a chance — albeit small — that we could see snowflakes Tuesday night.

Either way, nearly freezing temperatures will be hitting the Philadelphia area on Tuesday as Mother Nature does a complete 180 and brings back fall and winter weather after a long weekend of sunny skies and temperatures in the 70s.

A cold front will hit us this evening after a day of precipitation that could turn into snow later on. "But we're not expecting accumulation," said Kristin Kline, meteorologist with the National Weather Service in Mount Holly.

During the day, there is a 100 percent chance of showers, possibly thunderstorms, Kline said.

The high Tuesday will be 65 with a low of 32 at night. "Really, once that front comes through [this] evening, there will be a sharp temperature drop."

CHRISTINA PACIOLLA

Defendant claims police drugged him to get statement

Unreal. A man charged with murder claims detectives beat him and gave him drugs during an interrogation.

A judge is weighing whether to throw out a statement to police that Daysean Brock, 28, charged with a May 2012 murder, claims he only signed because he was high — off drugs cops allegedly gave him.

Brock testified Monday at a pretrial hearing that a homicide detective brought him to a bathroom at the Eighth and Race street headquarters, then gave him a marijuana joint. According to Brock, the detective said "What's this gonna do for you?"

Brock said he smoked the joint, and then the detective grabbed his face and shoved a yellow pill into his mouth, holding his jaw shut until it dissolved.

"[The detective] said 'Just calm down, it's to make you feel better,'" Brock said.

Brock's attorney Thomas Malone is moving to block from trial the statement that Brock claims he did not make and only signed under the influence of drugs.

A prison drug test of Brock taken days after the interrogation was positive for THC.

Wanted

Ndeko Mutijima, 33, of Allentown, was shot to death near Reese and Cumberland streets on May 19, 2012.

- Brock, who was arrested in July for other matters, was questioned by homicide detectives in August 2012, then charged with murder.
- Brocks admits frequenting the area where the slaying took place, but denies pulling the trigger.

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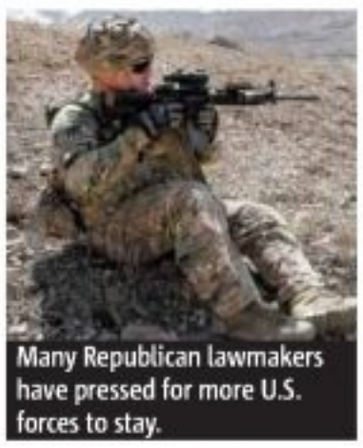
GOP. Lawmakers visit Afghanistan to press case for troops to stay

The Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives, John Boehner, is leading a delegation of Republican lawmakers on a trip to Afghanistan to underscore their call for U.S. forces to remain there and also to review the country's presidential election. Boehner's office said on Monday.

Boehner and seven other House Republicans met with U.S. troops, the U.S. ambassador and the commander of NATO-led forces in Afghanistan during the two-day visit that began on Sunday.

The April 5 vote is meant to usher in Afghanistan's first democratic transfer of power as President Hamid Karzai steps down after 12 years and Western forces prepare to depart after more than a decade of war.

Democratic President Barack Obama plans to withdraw most, or possibly all, U.S. forces from Afghanistan this year. REUTERS



Many Republican lawmakers have pressed for more U.S. forces to stay.

Ukraine crisis

Bail set at $6M for woman accused of killing six infants

A judge set bail at $6 million on Monday for a Utah woman suspected of killing six infants after giving birth to them, then stuffing their bodies into cardboard boxes which were found at a house where she used to live.

Police said Megan Huntsman, 39, admitted under questioning that she strangled or suffocated the babies immediately after their births.

Bail was set at a court hearing a day after Huntsman was arrested and booked into the Utah County jail on six counts of murdering the babies born over roughly a 10-year period. The remains of a seventh infant were also found, but authorities believe that baby was stillborn. REUTERS

Suspect in killings at Kansas Jewish centers has hate-filled history

Weapons. Police said that the gunman used a shotgun and other firearms.

A Crime Scene Investigation unit sits parked outside the Jewish Community Center in Overland Park, Kan. / ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

An Investigator at the Jewish Community Center

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The suspect in the Passover Eve killings of three people at two Jewish community facilities in a Kansas City suburb has a long history of racism and anti-Semitism, human rights groups said on Monday.

Frazier Glenn Cross, 73, faced charges of premeditated murder at his initial court appearance on Monday afternoon. He was arrested Sunday after a shooting spree that killed a 14-year-old boy and his grandfather outside a popular Jewish community center, and a third victim outside a nearby Jewish retirement home.

Both facilities are in Overland Park, Kan., an upscale suburb outside of Kansas City, Mo.

Police said it was too early to determine if Sunday's killings were motivated by anti-Semitism, but both the Southern Poverty Law Center, a leading anti-hate group, and the Institute for Research and Education on Human Rights said the suspect was a former senior member of the white supremacist Ku Klux Klan movement.

Quoted

"These senseless acts of violence are all the more heartbreaking as they were perpetrated on the eve of the solemn occasion of Passover."

U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder

The groups said Cross, a Missouri man who also goes by the name Frazier Glenn Miller, was involved in creating an armed paramilitary organization in North Carolina 20 years ago.

U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder issued a statement Monday pledging federal help in determining whether the federal hate crimes statute was implicated in the "heinous" killings.

"I was horrified to learn of this weekend's tragic shootings outside Kansas City. These senseless acts of violence are all the more heartbreaking as they were perpetrated on the eve of the solemn occasion of Passover," Holder said.

The Southern Poverty Law Center said Cross is a "raging anti-Semite" who has posted online rantings that include "No Jews, Just Right." And the IREHR said he idolizes Adolf Hitler.

"His worship for Hitler and Hitlerism is real," said Leonard Zeskind, president of IREHR, in a statement issued Monday.

U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder issued a statement Monday pledging federal help in the case. REUTERS

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Prosecutor: Pistorius 'using emotions as an escape'

High-profile. The trial has captivated S. Africa and millions of sports fans around the world.

The prosecutor in the Oscar Pistorius murder trial accused the track star on Monday of using emotional breakdowns under cross-examination to evade answering questions about the night he killed his girlfriend.

The athlete has broken down numerous times during the 22-day trial, including retching into a bucket. He burst into tears again on Monday morning when recounting the moment he screamed at what he thought was a burglar, prompting the judge to call a 30-minute adjournment.

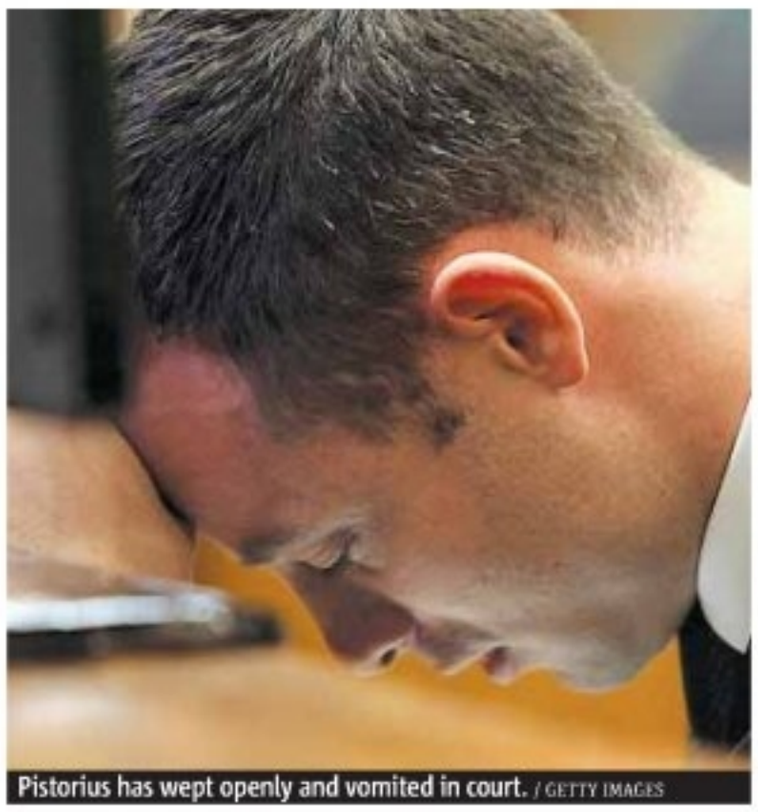
"Get the f— out of my house! Get the f— out of my house!" a trembling Pistorius said when asked to state precisely what he screamed at the perceived intruder.

He then burst into tears as family members in the public gallery rushed to comfort him.

Toward the end of the day, he again began to cry when answering questions about the immediate aftermath of the shooting.

State prosecutor Gerrie Nel, whose reputation as one of South Africa's toughest attorneys has earned him the nickname "The Pitbull," said the athlete was just putting on an act to avoid having to answer his questions.

Nel questioned why Pistorius would get upset when being asked about whether he did or did not open doors leading from his bedroom to a balcony to shout for help minutes after the shooting. REUTERS



Pistorius has wept openly and vomited in court. / GETTY IMAGES

Quoted

"I cannot see how [it] can cause you to be emotional, because you cannot remember how to open a door. We're not talking about Reeva."

State prosecutor Gerrie Nel, referring to previous breakdowns, which have usually been when Pistorius describes the shooting.

Ukraine crisis

Separatist unrest spreads; ultimatum ends with no crackdown

Pro-Russian separatists on Monday ignored an ultimatum to leave occupied government buildings in eastern Ukraine, while another group of rebels attacked police headquarters as a threatened military offensive by government forces failed to materialize.

Rebels in Slaviansk, which was expected on Monday to be the focus of a broad government "anti-terrorist" operation involving the army, issued a bold call for Russian President Vladimir Putin to help them.

Ukraine's interim president Oleksander Turchinov said the offensive would still go ahead. But in a sign of discord behind the scenes, he fired the state security chief in charge of the operation. REUTERS

The deep

Plane search heads deep underwater in new phase

A U.S. Navy underwater drone will be deployed to scour the floor of the Indian Ocean for a missing Malaysia Airlines plane, search officials said on Monday, launching a new phase of the operation after nearly six weeks of fruitless searching.

The hunt will head deep underwater as the batteries in the flight's black box recorders have probably died and there was little chance of finding floating debris, said Australian search chief Angus Houston. REUTERS

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High roller. Mansion on Connecticut shore sells for record $120M

A waterfront estate in Connecticut featuring two private islands and a mile of shorefront has sold for $120 million, making it the most expensive residential home sale in U.S. history, real estate experts said on Monday.

Copper Beech Farm, a 12-bedroom mansion complete with its own clock tower, greenhouse, solarium and swimming pool along Long Island Sound in exclusive Greenwich, Conn., had originally been listed at $190 million.

Its $120 million selling price was nearly double the previous most expensive home sale in the U.S., the 2013 purchase of an estate in the Hamptons, on Long Island, N.Y., for $62.5 million, according to RealtyTrac, a real estate information company.

REUTERS

By the numbers

$190M
The property was originally listed for $190 million.

1904
It was purchased by George Lauder, cousin of Andrew Carnegie, in 1904.

50
The estate, including two private islands, encompasses 50 acres.

15,000
The firm listing the property says it is 15,000 square feet.

$164K
The average U.S. home sold for $164,667 in February.

Poll: Two-thirds of US won't follow World Cup

The other football. The world's biggest sporting event is still not a household name in the United States.

Head coach Jurgen Klinsmann and the U.S. national team can probably count on this guy to root for them in Brazil, but apparently he's in the minority. / GETTY IMAGES

When the U.S. men's soccer team lines up in Brazil to play their first game of the World Cup in June, their support at home may be tepid at best.

Two out of three Americans do not plan to follow this year's tournament, according to an ongoing Reuters/Ipsos poll. Only 7 percent said they anticipated following it closely.

It's been 20 years since the United States hosted the World Cup, an attempt at the time to bring soccer to a mass American audience. Two years later, a new professional league — Major League Soccer — began. The league has grown from 10 to 19 teams.

Eighty-six percent of Americans said they either know nothing or only a little bit about the World Cup, and more than two-thirds did not know Brazil is the 2014 host nation.

Jose Vargas, 48, does plan on watching the World Cup in Houston, where he has lived since coming to the United States in 2003. But he will be supporting his birth nation: Colombia. REUTERS

Quoted

"It's just not a sport that has a lot of following [in the United States]."
Kelly Cousineau, 33, of Phoenix
On why she won't be watching the World Cup in Brazil

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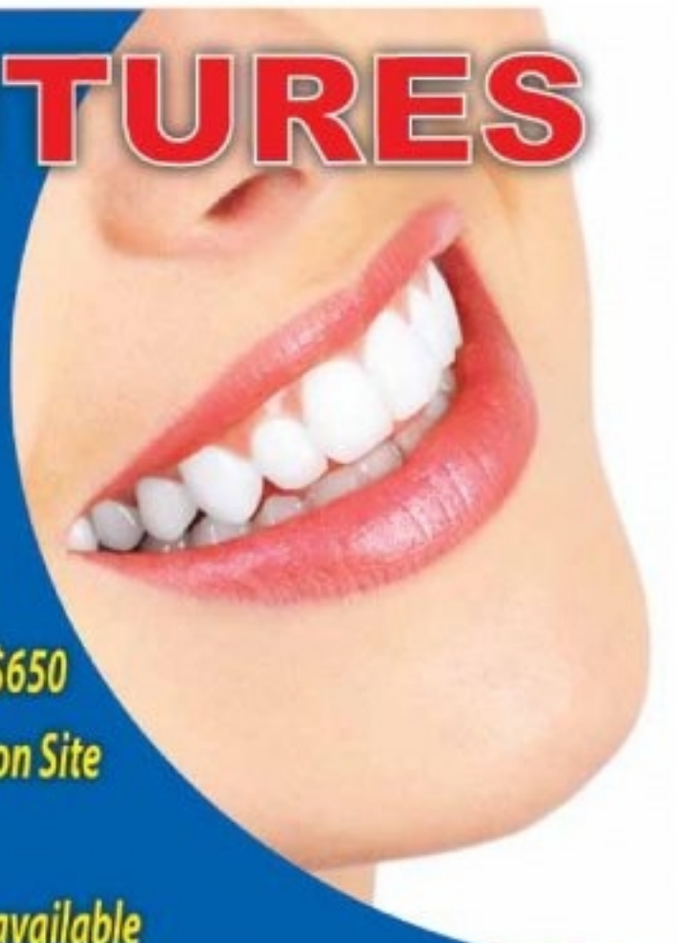
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Canada's tax-collection agency on Monday said the private information of about 900 people had been compromised as hackers exploited the "Heartbleed" bug, and security experts warned that more attacks are likely to follow.

The breach allowed hackers to extract social insurance numbers, which are used for employment and gaining access to government benefits, and possibly some other data, the Canada Revenue Agency said.

The agency appears to be the first to report that it is the victim of an attack exploiting a flaw in software known as OpenSSL, which is used on about two-thirds of websites to secure data as it travels across the Internet. REUTERS

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T-Mobile ends overage charge

T-Mobile said on Monday it would stop charging penalties for customers who go over their data plan limits and launched an online petition calling for rival carriers to do the same.

"Today I'm laying down a challenge to AT&T, Verizon and Sprint to join T-Mobile in ending these outrageous overage penalties for all consumers — because it's the right thing to do," T-Mobile Chief Executive John Legere said in a statement. REUTERS

Poke your wallet

GETTY IMAGES

Facebook to offer mobile payment service

Facebook is preparing to join the mobile-payments race with remittances and electronic-money services on the social network, the Financial Times reported, citing several people involved in the process.

The company is close to obtaining approval from the Central Bank of Ireland to start a service that would allow users to store money on Facebook and use it to pay and exchange with others, according to the Financial Times. REUTERS

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A year ago today, the Boston Marathon was forever changed.

THE DAY WE LEARNED HOW STRONG WE ARE

John Stoller was about to finish his 26th mile at last year's Boston Marathon. As he came through the final stretch of Boylston Street, he stopped to chat with friends in front of Forum restaurant.

"Usually I don't stop," says Stoller, who finished a quick conversation before continuing past the finish line. "I received my medal and had gotten my bags. … Then we heard the first blast."

Meanwhile, above Sugar Heaven on Boylston Street, the staff of Marlo Marketing/Communications was celebrating its annual marathon party when the first blast hit.

"There were a few seconds of deliberation — no one really knew if it was safer inside or on the street," says Marlo Fogelman, principal of the company. "Then the second bomb went off and everyone just scrambled onto the fire escape through the back windows."

Down on the street, victims were tended to by first responders and good Samaritans. The fear of a third bomb detonating meant the crowd had to be removed, and fast.

As officials worked to identify the bombers during the next couple days, the city attempted to function. For MBTA Transit Officer Dic Donohue, the sense of a calm before the storm would certainly ring true by the end of the week.

A boy looks over hundreds of items placed near the blast site left in memory of the bombing victims. / NICOLAUS CZARNECKI, METRO

"The next few days were very strange," Donohue tells us. "The usual bustling downtown area that I work in was quiet, and entire streets were shut down."

Police soon identified two suspects in the blasts. Video surveillance from Forum caught brothers Tamerlan and Dzhokhar Tsarnaev, Chechen-born locals who resided in Cambridge. By Friday, they had allegedly murdered MIT Police Officer Sean Collier and led authorities on a violent chase in which Donohue was shot.

Laura Glass slept in at her Cambridge home after staying up all night listening to the news. When she awoke the next day to an FBI agent barging into her home, she started to put the pieces together.

"It only took me a few minutes to figure out what was going on — the two brothers lived a few doors down from me," said Glass.

While older brother Tamerlan was killed, younger brother Dzhokhar was apprehended in a dry-docked boat in a Watertown backyard. In the end, four people were left dead and hundreds more injured.

But as the 2014 Boston Marathon nears, runners are ready to take on the 26.2 miles without a second thought.

"For runners it's an emotional time," says Stoller. "Nobody cares about their time or if they finish. The running community is just a nice group of people, and they're excited for this year."

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Haunting memories

On Stuart Street, family members who had just been holding up signs of encouragement for runners were using them as a tool to find each other, fearing they had been killed in the blast.

- "You see these runners in their foil blankets walking around either completely lost or just with a look that you never forget," Stoller said.

THE MARATHON IN FIVE PHOTOS

The events of April 15, 2013, and the days following, will never be forgotten.

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Two people, one wearing a marathon runner's jacket, hug near the blast site.

A victim is rushed from the scene of the bombings.

A MAN COMFORTS A CHILD WHILE VIEWING THE MEMORIAL.

MIT Officer Sean Collier was killed by the alleged bombers.

Crowds high-five police after one of the alleged bombers was captured.

Piecing things together one year later

See more at www.metro.us

A visitor views some of the hundreds of memorial items on display at the Boston Public Library. / NICOLAUS CZARNECKI, METRO

For the record. The project manager for "Dear Boston: Messages from the Marathon Memorial" shares her experience.

"There is a lot of divorcing yourself from the emotional aspect. You just tell yourself, 'You have to get through this,'" said Anne Starr, one of the people who spent recent months sifting through thousands of objects left at the original Boston Marathon bombing memorial.

"That being said, there is something in every box that brings tears to your eyes."

Starr worked as project manager on "Dear Boston: Messages from the Marathon Memorial," an exhibition of memorabilia on display at the Boston Public Library.

In the days following the fatal terror attack, thousands of people left their condolences in Boston's Copley Square. Teddy bears, tattered running shoes, flowers and letters revealed the sheer sadness that visitors collectively felt as they passed by the now-notorious finish line.

The development team started moving full steam ahead on the exhibit in January, which meant the team had to be decisive on which of the thousands of items would be selected.

"So in a matter of two and a half months, we went from very beginning stages of the exhibit to opening it to the public. Museums usually take a year or two to do that, so we didn't have a whole lot of time to pour over the objects," said Starr.

The objects that most spoke to her, Starr said, were related to people who were there on that fateful day, like running shoes, some bearing poignant notes written in marker.

Marathon spectators Martin Richard, 8, Lu Lingzi, 23 and Krystle Campbell, 29, were killed and more than 260 others were injured when two bombs exploded at the Boylston Street finish line on April 15, 2013. Days later, MIT Officer Sean Collier, 26, was shot and killed, allegedly by the bombing suspects as they attempted to flee the Boston area.

"There was a note from Martin Richard's teacher that stopped all of us in our tracks. It's really kind of unpredictable which things will grab hold of you," said Starr.

The centerpiece of the exhibit: 150 pairs of colorful running shoes arranged in a large square shape. Things made by children, photographs of the victims, marathon bibs and handmade signs also were among the items selected for Dear Boston, though Starr said the display represents only a small percent of the objects left at the memorial.

Visitors can walk through three sections of the exhibit. The first area includes objects that represent the first minutes, hours and days after the attack. The second features objects related to a little later, like vigils, fundraisers and group runs.

The final stage of the exhibit bears a message of hope, and even includes a "hope for the future" tree that allows visitors to write down their hope and string it on a branch.

"People are still trying to make meaning out of what happened. Those objects offer much more reflection on what this means, and how we can move forward as a community," said Starr. "Our goal is to help facilitate some healing."

If you go

The exhibit is free and open to the public, and will remain in place until mid-May, at which point the items will be returned to the Boston City Archives for safekeeping.

Quoted

"We were looking at things that would show the worldwide support for Boston, the runners, those injured and the friends and families of those who were killed." Starr

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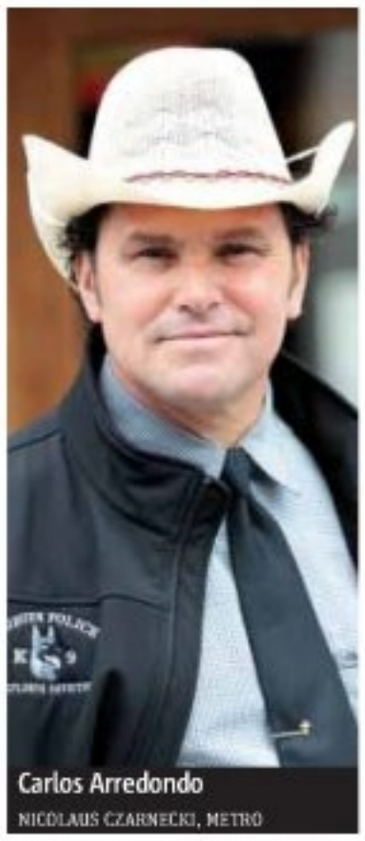
Interview. Marathon bombing hero Carlos Arredondo tips his cowboy hat to Bauman, Boston and first responders

Carlos Arredondo was dubbed the Cowboy Hat Hero last year after iconic photographs captured him assisting with the rescue of Boston Marathon bombing survivor Jeff Bauman, who lost both legs in the attack. We sat down with him to talk about the one-year anniversary.



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Do you think that one of your purposes in life was to help save Jeff Bauman?
It's a miracle the way things happened. So many people did amazing work that day, and I did what I could. I prayed to God to protect me and give me some guidance to protect Jeff. ... It worked out, and Jeff finally went through surgery, and not only went through surgery, but he also described one of the criminals who was standing right next to him the day of the bombing. He managed to look that person up and down. [Bauman] helped to bring a case against these criminals. Life works in strange ways. I helped to save his life, and he ended up recognizing the criminals.

Are you planning to attend this year's marathon?
I'm going to be at the finish line this year. I know I'm going to be with other survivors, including [Bauman] and his family. I just hope we're all there supporting each other so we can have a better day.

Do you have any fears about going?
I am scared [of] just going back, and being with the survivors and waiting for that moment, around 3 p.m. Hopefully nobody freaks out and starts getting sick about it. But I understand that some other survivors can't handle it, so they're going to stay away.

What do you think when people call you a hero?
It's a little bit uncomfortable, you know? When people call me a hero, and I just look behind me at the many people who were there at the time, helping out. ... I'm just very grateful for everybody who was there helping out.

What was it like for you to see Jeff for the first time after the bombing?
He was very thankful. Immediately I saw this young man in bed and saw that he was going to be OK. ... I love the kid. He's very funny. He's a great guy. It's a miracle to see him doing the things he does.

What's it like for you to suddenly be in the spotlight?
It has changed things, but ... we are very happy and proud to help in any way we can. MORGAN ROUSSEAU

Bonus question

What positives do you feel have come from the tragedy of the bombing?

It's been amazing how people have been participating to help. They've collected funds for survivors and the victims' families. I think the One Fund really brought a lot of people together and made good things happen. Prosthetics are very expensive, so [the survivors] need all the help they can get. It's been amazing how Boston has handled all this tragedy.

Easter candy spending hops into the billions

You know you want to take a bite out of this sweet treat — but it'll cost you. / FUSE

Sugar rush. Most people find it too hard to resist pastel sweet treats.

It seems those Cadbury eggs and Peeps in the candy aisle are just irresistible to most. According to the National Confectioner's Association, Americans spent $2.1 billion on Easter candy last year and that number is projected to reach even higher this year. That $2.1 billion doesn't take into account other Easter expenses, like new clothes, trav-eling or decorations. The average person spends $28 on Easter candy. Chocolate bunnies are the biggest seller: Ninety million were sold last year.

Overall Easter spending is projected to reach $16 billion this year. According to a survey conducted by the Prosper Insights & Analytics, the average American will spend $137.46 on the holiday. Besides candy, the most popular Easter items people spend money on are groceries for Easter dinner, clothes, gifts, flowers and decorations.

And they aren't just spending because they're tempted by those pastel-wrapped sugary snacks at the register. The same survey found that 80 percent of Americans actually celebrate Easter in some way.

By the numbers

$2.1B

Amount of money spent on Easter candy last year by Americans, according to the National Confectioner's Association.

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Survey. Couples' top money mistake

When you live in an expensive city, it's easy to rationalize that you might as well save on rent money by moving in with someone you're dating. But you might want to check out what 1,000 cohabitating renters told Rent.com first so you can learn from their experiences.

Rent.com found that the No. 1 regret most cohabitants had was not talking about how to divide the finances before moving in together.

Talking about money may not be fun, but it can be a big enough problem to ruin a relationship. Considering that 32 percent of those surveyed moved in together to see if their partner was "the one," talk it out, get on the same page and then live happily ever after. EMILY LAURENCE

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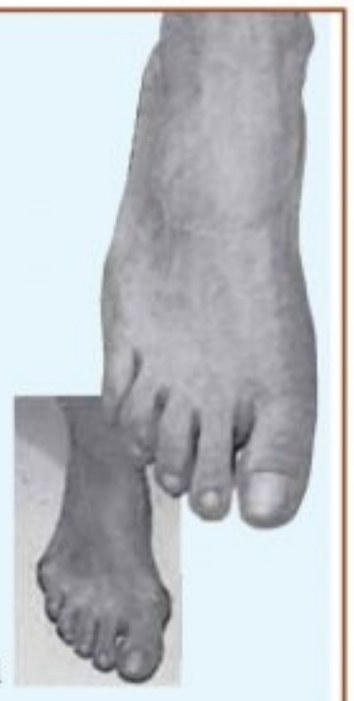

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The stats

Richard Martinez
Age: 46
Residency: The Bronx, New York City
Lives with: Wife and 18-year-old daughter
Number of jobs: 2

Q&A

Briefly describe your two jobs.
My primary job is as a records manager at a law firm, which I work Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. I also teach Zumba fitness classes Monday through Saturday, starting around 6 p.m.

Do people at the law firm mind you leaving at 5:30 to go teach Zumba?
Not at all. I always have my Blackberry with me, so I'm in constant communication.

How did you get into Zumba?
When I was 39, I was 85 pounds overweight. ... I knew I needed to make a change. ... I basically lived in the gym for four months and I lost all the weight. Zumba was dominated by women, and I wanted to bring men into the class and show that the moves can be moderated so everyone — regardless of fitness level — can do it. So I got licensed and began teaching.

How did you know how to succeed? What motivated you when you were young?
My mother died when I was 17 and I promised her that I would make it and push through. That has always been my driving force. When I was a kid, there was no expectation to go to college, but I didn't want that for my kids. You live by example, so both my wife and I went to college. I got my master's [degree]. When we had kids, it was not a discussion of whether they would go to college or not, just a discussion of where.

So this job is not for the money at all.
No, not at all. I don't depend on the money, but I wouldn't do it for free either because it's time away from my family, so I need it to be tangible. I see it as a stress releaser.

Where do you live in the city?
I live in the Bronx, in a gated community. I have two daughters, 25 and 18. ... I was born and raised in the projects. I didn't want my kids to know what it was like to struggle financially.

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"We invite very specific people and specific tutoring groups," says Daniel Arnold, a manager in the education category of Google Helpouts, about its recruitment process. The company headhunted at well-known institutions like MIT and Harvard University to find tutors in everything from languages to physics. "Every listing goes through an internal review process, and we require them to upload a video showing who they are and why they are qualified to teach," he says.

Math teacher and tutor Harry Sanderoff says Google Helpouts has made him rethink online education. "As I do more of these, I see some possibilities that kids could be prepared for the workforce and for college without the traditional seven-period day five days a week."

Quoted

"As I do more of these, I see some possibilities that kids could be prepared for the workforce and for college without going through the traditional seven-period day five days a week." Harry Sanderoff, math teacher and tutor

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By the numbers

A quick look at how Americans are saving

In the sixth iteration of Sallie Mae's "How America Saves for College" report, the numbers tell some familiar tales, but there are also a few surprises. After the crash of 2008, families had a hard time saving money for college-bound students. Now, families are increasingly able to help students pay for their education. It's clear that college is a priority for families: The report showed that 89 percent of the 2,020 survey respondents valued a college education highly. Take a look at our breakdown of the numbers:

1 Savings are up 7 percent in comparison to the 2013 report.

2 The average amount that families are saving for college is up 30 percent from last year at $15,346. (Last year, the number was $11,781.)

3 Just over half of all families in the study have money set aside for their child's college education, trailing slightly behind the amount that families are saving for retirement.

4 The families who are not saving for college, according to the study, say they don't have the income to set aside, which is pretty much a no-brainer. Non-savers also anticipate that a larger share of their child's college education will be paid through grants and scholarships.

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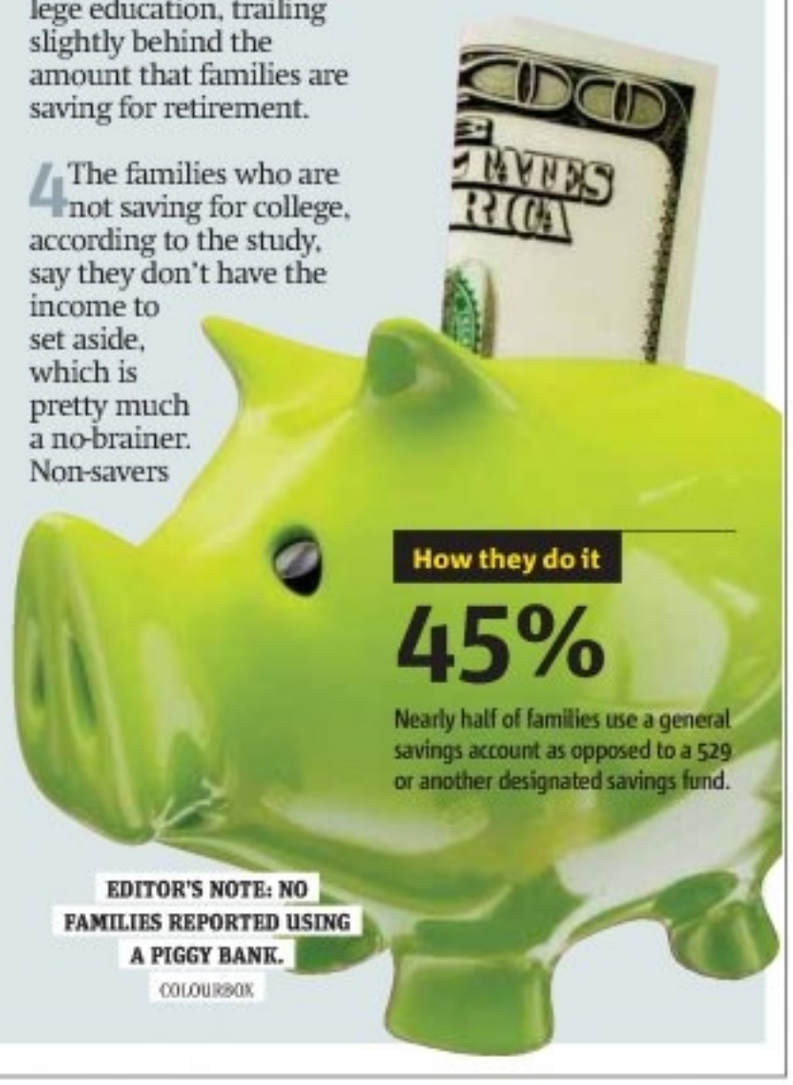

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Jared Leto gets tropical in an oversized straw hat.

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MTV Movie Awards: Hat trick

THE WORD

Dorothy Robinson takes on the world of gossip.

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Pharrell Williams, what have you wrought?

Men, women and cats all donned hats at Sunday night's MTV Movie Awards — with mixed results.

First up to make a statement: actress Hana Mae Lee, who donned this odd cigarette cap. It's so weird I don't even know what to say, other than I guess she wanted to stand out a little bit. Eh, it worked?

Oscar winner Jared Leto (will we ever get used to describing him that way?) wore this oversized straw cap and looked — dare we say it? — kinda hot, in a Banana Boat way. Meanwhile, Kesha looked like a "Flowers in the Attic" reject in this goth felt cap.

Finally, no hat recap would be complete without this shot of Grumpy Cat wearing Pharrell Williams' trademark Vivienne Westwood mountain hat. British people, take note: THIS is how you wear a hat.

Talking points

'Idol' is a 'sinking ship'

This may be the final days for TV mainstay "American Idol," if the behind-the-scenes scrambling of its employees is any indication, according to Radar Online. "The crew and staff on 'Idol' are not new to the industry and have been around the block before. They know a sinking ship when they see one," a source says. "Anyone smart working on the show has already put out feelers. The show is on its way out, and they don't want to be dragged down with it."

Allen tones down act for motherhood

With her return to music, Lily Allen has reluctantly made some changes to her act at the behest of husband Sam Cooper. "He's told me to tone it down now I'm a mum," she tells the Sun. "On my last tour, I used to act out fellatio using my microphone. I have been rehearsing for this new tour and Sam said, 'You're not doing that thing again, are you?' I said not if he didn't want me to. And he said no, as he didn't think it's good for the kids." The couple has two children, 2-year-old Ethel and 15-month-old Marnie. Allen is finding balancing work and motherhood an interesting challenge. "I took them to soundcheck before my gig. I was there with one of the dancers and my eldest was screaming — she just wanted to be held," Allen says. "But I had to practice my routines. So there I was, twerking with my eldest in my arms and I was like, 'This is really weird.'"

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TYE SHERIDAN

The very busy teen talks about playing people far from himself and which actor he's dying to work with next.

GROWING UP

Tye Sheridan may be one of the busiest teenagers in film. After an attention-grabbing start in 2011's "The Tree of Life" and 2012's "Mud," 17-year-old Sheridan now stars in "Joe," David Gordon Green's offbeat, darkly comic tale about a teenager (Sheridan) who befriends a surly ex-con (Nicolas Cage). Plus, Sheridan has four more films in the can set to come out this year. Somebody's a bit of an overachiever.

What are you looking for in future roles?
Anything that gives me a challenge. Anything that I have passion for, where I love the material. I worked on a film called "Grass Stains" last summer with a writer/director named Kyle Wilamowski, and he's been working on this for, like, eight or nine years, and this is his first feature. It's always fun to work with someone like that because you know they've put their heart and soul into the project. I love doing small, independent stuff because this is what people really care about. And I just did a film called "Dark Places." It's an adaptation of a novel by Gillian Flynn. My character is convicted of murdering his family, so it's going to be really dark. He's kind of Satanic, too. [Laughs]

Is there ever any consideration about your age as far as what subject matter is OK and what isn't?
You know, that's one of the coolest things about acting, I think — that you can be someone you're not. I mean, that's not you on the screen. Some of these characters are nothing like me. I'm not violent at all. I've never been in a fight. And every film that I've been in I've gotten into some kind of fight. [Laughs] It's cool because it gives you a challenge and you get to experience things that you normally wouldn't in your own personal life.

Tye Sheridan plays a boy who comes under the wing of a hard-living crank (Nicolas Cage) in "Joe." / WIREIMAGE

Quoted

"You know, that's one of the coolest things about acting, I think, that you can be someone you're not. I mean, that's not you on the screen." Sheridan

Future stars

You've already worked alongside the likes of Nicolas Cage, Matthew McConaughey and Brad Pitt. Any dream co-stars still on your list?
I want to work with James Franco — just because he's such a mystery man, you know? What is he? Is he a director, a writer, an actor? An artist? He's a cool guy.

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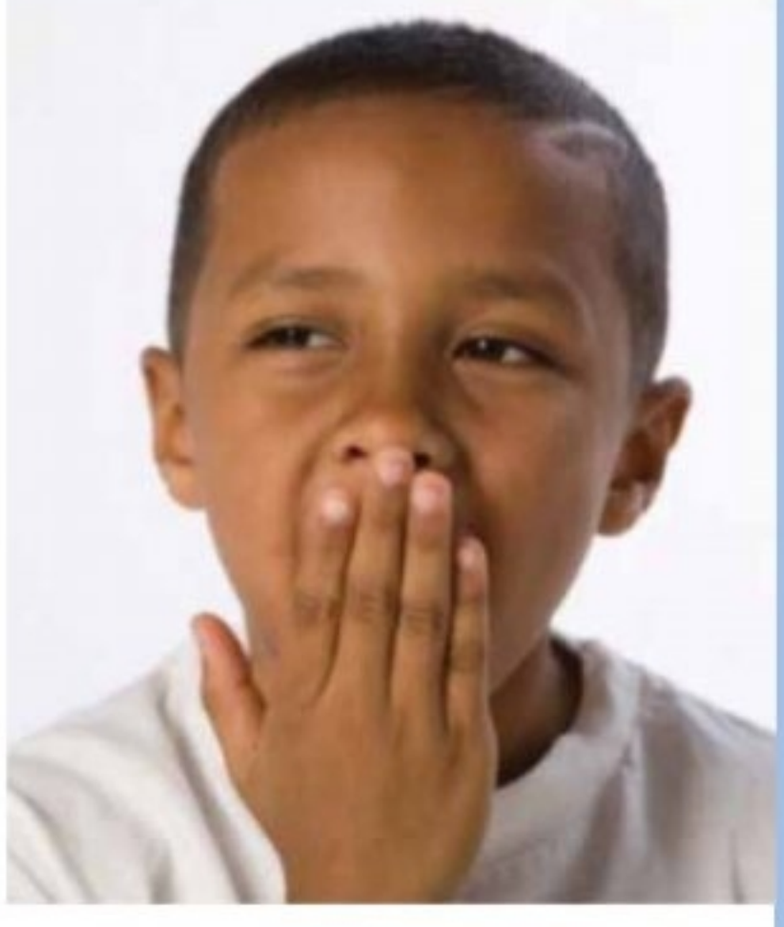

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Copies of the proposed amendments and the current versions of the ACOP and HCV Admin Plan are available on our website at www.pha.phila.gov. The comment period is for 30 days and is open on April 14, 2014 through May 14, 2014, this is also the last day of the comment period.

Copies of the proposed amendments and the current versions of the ACOP and HCV Admin Plan are available for public review on PHA's website at www.pha.phila.gov under the "Latest News" section or may be picked up at the following locations:

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A Public Hearing will be conducted on May 7 during the 3:00 to 4:00 p.m. at the John F. Street Center, 1100 Poplar St., Phila., PA 19123.

Written comments can be submitted to the PHA Office of Policy, Research and Enterprise Planning Attention - ACOP/HCV Plan Amendments 1606 SWAIN St., Phila. PA 19130. Comments must be submitted and/or received no later than May 14, 2014.

Philadelphia Housing Authority

TV watch list

Comedy

'New Girl'

Nick and Jess are hiding their breakup from the other loft residents. And Winston passes his police academy exam! That guy needed some good news. **FOX, 9 P.M.**

Drama

'NCIS: Los Angeles'

Is an undercover agent working for the smuggler he's supposed to be investigating? Let's be honest: The pay is probably better. **CBS, 9 P.M.**

Drama

'Supernatural'

Metatron wants Castiel to join forces. "Metatron" would also be a good name for a killer robot. Sam and Dean will be spending the episode capturing Gadreel. **CW, 9 P.M.**

Reality

'House Hunters'

A Boston couple has to move to Birmingham and come to terms with living in a secluded, wooded area. Don't watch any horror movies, folks. **HGTV, 10 P.M.**

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Just an average day when you're Zooey Deschanel. / JENNIFER CLASEN, FOX

Kate Walsh plays a stripper-turned-bored housewife in "Fargo."
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You're darn tootin'!

Interview. Kate Walsh didn't get to do the big accent for her stint on "Fargo."

Kate Walsh could have been in "Fargo" twice. In the mid-1990s, Joel and Ethan Coen were casting their film. "I lived in Chicago at the time," the "Grey's Anatomy" and "Private Practice" actress says. "I was an up-and-coming actress. I was a huge [Coens] fan, but I didn't get the part."

But now she's in the TV series version of "Fargo," a miniseries that tells another tale of murder and crime in sleepy, seemingly polite North Dakota. She plays Gina, the ex-stripper whose philandering, wealthy husband is, in the first episode, murdered by a hitman (Billy Bob Thornton) at the behest, sort of, of a nervous insurance salesman (Martin Freeman).

"It's kind of cool to have come full circle," she says.

Walsh isn't in a lot of the show, but her scenes represent its broadly comic side. Gina is not sad that her husband has taken a blade to the head, and isn't above straddling Freeman's character.

Walsh filmed her scenes off-and-on over the course of the monthslong shoot. That might have been jarring for her, having to get in and out of character. But it helped, in a way. "I was an outsider trying to fit in," she says, pointing out that her character is not from there.

Doing "Fargo" was a change of pace for Walsh, who spent eight years with the same character: Dr. Addison Montgomery on "Grey's" and "Practice." "The most challenging thing was keeping the continuity. I would only come in once a month."

The downside is that she's one of the few actors not doing the broad Midwestern accent that so defined the 1996 film. "I did miss it," she confesses. "I was jealous of everyone doing it. I was like, 'Are you sure you don't want the accent? Are you SURE?'"

Although she won't get to stay with her character long — the show is a one-off, telling one story over 10 episodes — she came to really love Gina.

"It was really liberating to play someone who says what they're thinking," Walsh says. "She's honest and she's a survivor. I identify with that. She's basically a prostitute — a former stripper who thought she married really well. But now she desperately wants out.

"I feel like I would need to get out of there, too. I would not want to live in that mansion. I would not want to live in Fargo."

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The small screen

The film is now the TV show

"Fargo" is more an in-name-and-location-only spin-off of the 1996 dramedy, which earned an Oscar for star Frances McDormand. It aims to duplicate the film's feeling — the mix of gallows humor with horrific tragedy, perhaps best encapsulated by the film's famous wood chipper scene.

This isn't the first time "Fargo" has been milked for television. In 1997, there was a pilot starring Edie Falco as the film's hero, Marge Gunderson. It was directed by Kathy Bates. It was not picked up.

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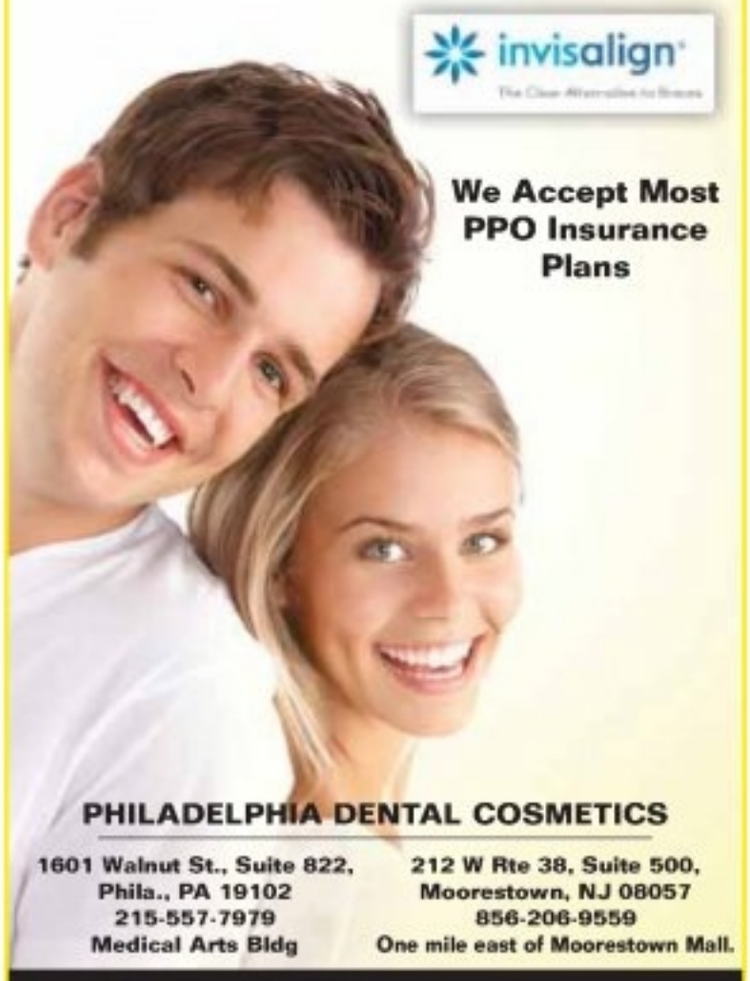

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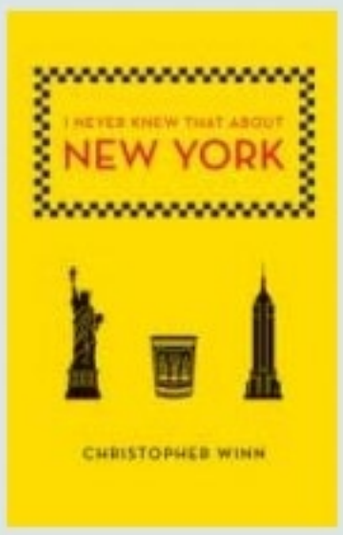

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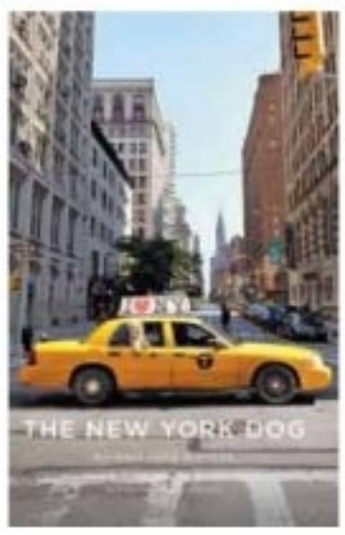

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‘Bad Teeth’ merges humor, dark satire and academia

Fiction. “Icelander” author Dustin Long releases a new book literary-minded readers will appreciate.

Anyone can appreciate the alliteration of the four cities in “Bad Teeth” — Brooklyn, Bloomington, Berkeley and Bakersfield — but only true literary minds will notice that they are in reverse alphabetical order. Dustin Long’s latest release is full of these winks at prose, which fans of his first novel, “Icelander,” will recognize.

The book features four different interlocking narratives with characters living in the four aforementioned cities, each on his or her own personal journey. A translator named Judas ties the characters together as he travels from city to city, searching for a reclusive writer, referred to as the Tibetan David Foster Wallace. In Brooklyn, he develops a crush on the lovely Selah. In Bloomington, he stays with his friend Adam, a hedonistic, frustrated writer. The Berkley section centers around Selah and her shady new boyfriend, and she eventually heads to meet Judas in Bakersfield.

“Not only are the cities in reverse alphabetical order, but they are in reverse chronological order for where I’ve lived,” Long says. “Before writing ‘Bad Teeth,’ I was working on a book that took place in 17th century China, something I knew nothing about. Even with ‘Icelander,’ I’ve never lived anywhere with snow, really. So I knew I wanted to write a book that took place in modern day and only in places I have lived and knew about firsthand.”

Another difference between Long’s past works and this one is it’s less cerebral and more attention is paid to character development. “Focusing on the emotional lives of modern characters in a very realistic way was a challenge for me. Part of the reason why I chose to try that was to stretch myself,” Long explains.

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“Bad Teeth” is Dustin Long’s second book. He also is the author of “Icelander.” / ALEX LISOWSKI

Backstory

An abandoned novel revisited

Long actually had a gem of an idea of what “Bad Teeth” would become when he was an undergraduate. He wrote what he calls a “terrible novel,” which was divided into geographical sections and had a similar quest narrative that “Bad Teeth” would come to have. “Having gone through a similar process helped me have the narrative in mind before I even thought of the plot,” he says. It sounds as if Long himself has gone on his own academic journey through the four cities, and evolving both professionally and personally. There’s nothing “bad” about that at all.

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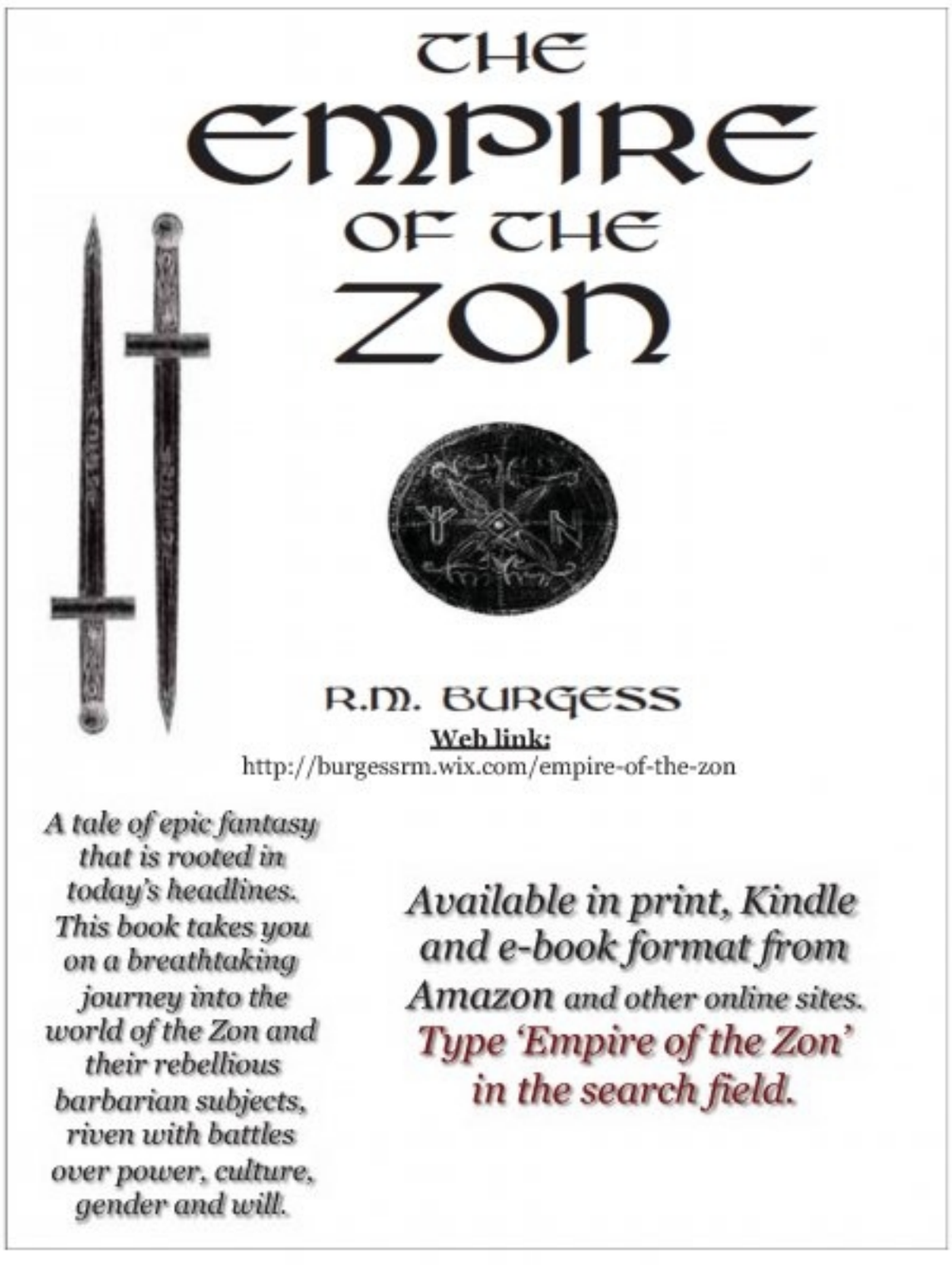
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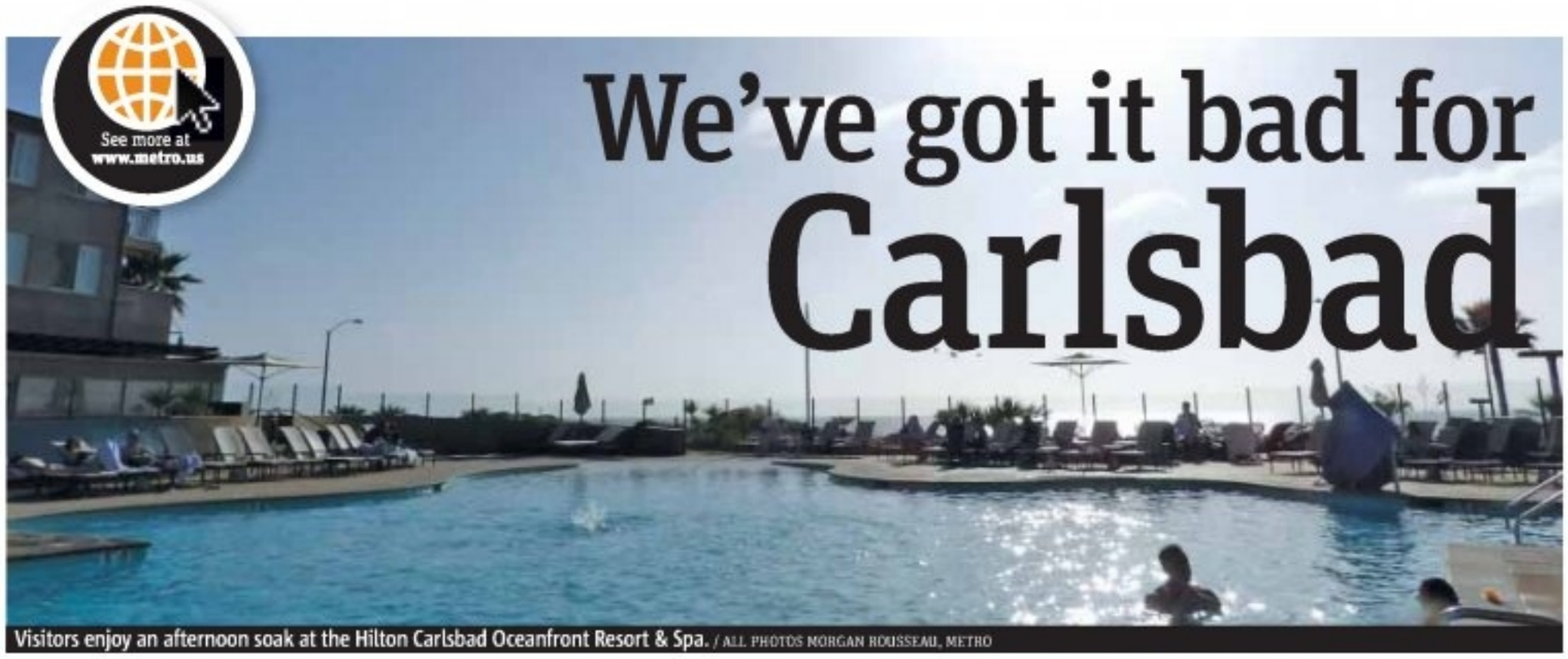

Visitors enjoy an afternoon soak at the Hilton Carlsbad Oceanfront Resort & Spa. / ALL PHOTOS MORGAN ROUSSEAU, METRO

Destinations. This West Coast city offers sun, surf and spas for Northeasterners looking to spring into summer.

Southern California has a well of wellness-related fun. Located about 40 miles north of San Diego, the coastal city of Carlsbad has been tempting vitality-loving visitors since tapping its mineral spring in 1882.

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Tasty recipes for kids with food allergies

"Allergy-Free Cooking for Kids" has more than 90 recipes, such as the one for these rice noodle cakes. / PROVIDED

Meal time.

"Allergy-Free Cooking for Kids" offers recipes that are either egg-free, gluten-free or dairy-free.

If your child has a gluten, nut, egg or dairy allergy, you know how challenging it can be to come up with yummy, nutritious foods he or she will actually want to eat. To the rescue is Pamela Clark's new book, "Allergy-Free Cooking for Kids," which is out this month.

The colorful, picture-packed recipe book is divided into three sections: gluten-free, egg-free and dairy-free, although many recipes (including nut-free options) fall into more than one category. There are more than 90 recipe ideas for breakfast, school lunches, snacks, dinner, sweets and party foods. Whether cooking for your own child or making sure the treat you're preparing for your child's school is something everyone will be able to eat, this is one book that's worth checking out. Below is one recipe from the book.

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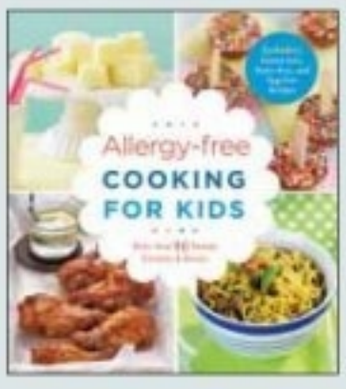
Dinner.

Rice Noodle Cakes

Ingredients

- 7 oz. rice vermicelli noodles
- 1 medium carrot, coarsely grated
- 1 medium zucchini, coarsely grated
- ½ cup coarsely chopped fresh cilantro
- 3 eggs, beaten lightly
- 2 tablespoons gluten-free sweet chili sauce
- 2 tablespoons vegetable oil



Nut-free, gluten-free and dairy-free

Directions:

1 Place noodles in large, heatproof bowl; cover with boiling water. Let stand 5 minutes or until tender; drain. Cut noodles coarsely with kitchen scissors.

2 Combine noodles, carrot, zucchini, cilantro, eggs and sauce in large bowl.

3 Heat a little of the oil in large frying pan over medium heat; cook 1/4 cup of mixture, flattening slightly with spatula, until browned on both sides. Repeat with remaining oil and noodle mixture, cooking three or four cakes at a time.

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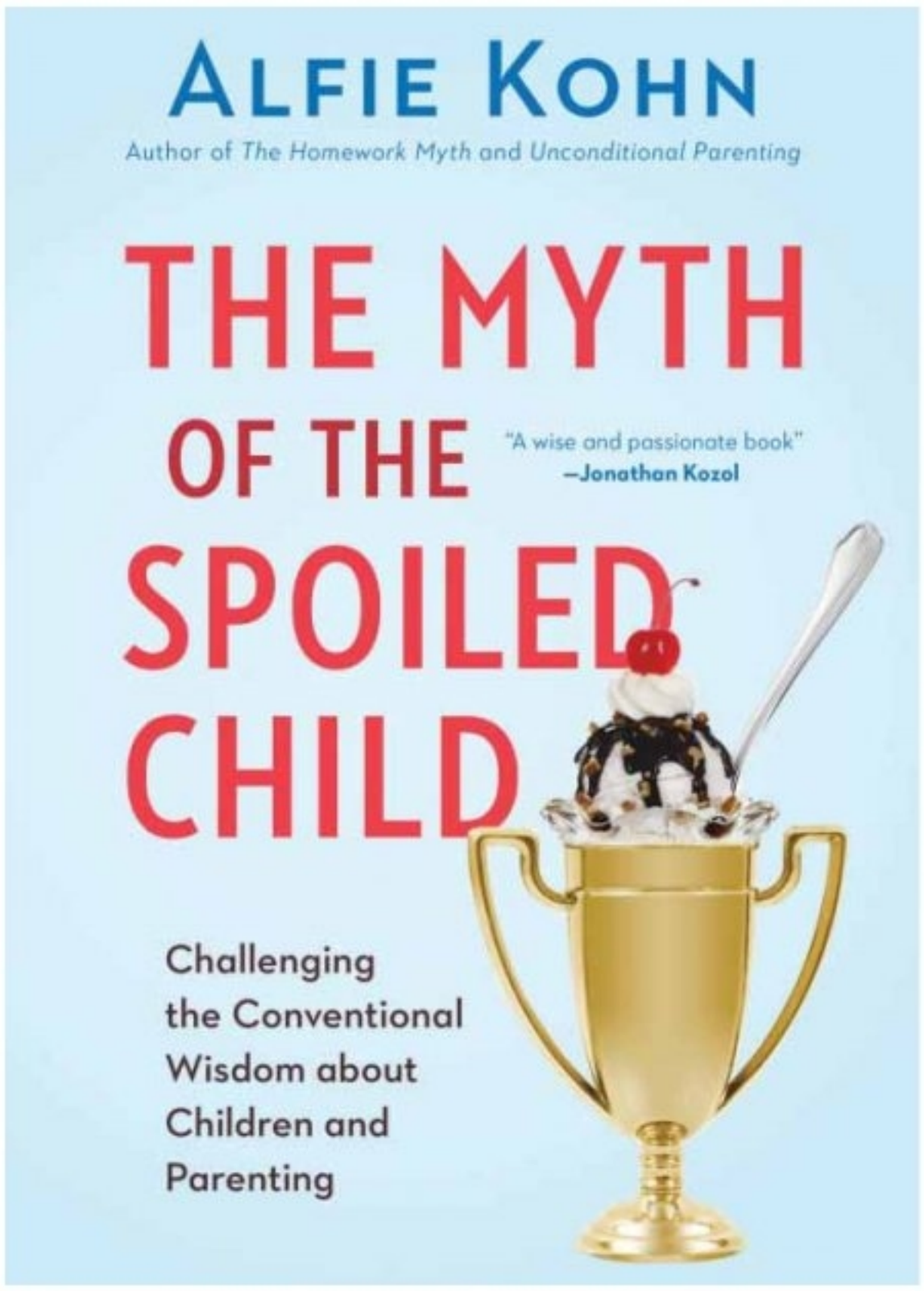
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Challenging the Conventional Wisdom about Children and Parenting

This is what unconditional love really looks like

Advice. We talk with Alfie Kohn about what most parents get wrong about rewards and punishment.

Kids today are more entitled, lazy and coddled than ever before, right? It's a common belief, and it's one that education and parenting expert Alfie Kohn is trying to dispel.

"When evidence and logic go one way, but practices and beliefs are pointing somewhere else, that's something that has always interested me," he tells us.

In an attempt to reverse the belief that children today are spoiled rotten, Kohn wrote a book called "The Myth of the Spoiled Child," out now.

Kohn's belief isn't that it's impossible to spoil a child; he says it's of course possible to shower children unnecessarily with too many gifts. He just doesn't like that many parents believe their kids have to "earn" their praise.

"The Myth of the Spoiled Child" is education and parenting expert Alfie Kohn's 13th book. PROVIDED

"Praise is a way of saying to kids they have to jump through hoops, and then we'll give them a 'good job' or a high five," Kohn laments. He stresses that praise shouldn't be contingent on accomplishments and that developing positive self-esteem shouldn't depend on being successful; it should be unconditional.

He holds this same stance when it comes to punishment and says parents should bring children in on making decisions. "When a child does something wrong, it's a problem to be solved — not an infraction to be punished," he says.

Of course this type of parenting requires more patience and giving up control, which many parents are hesitant to do, so "The Myth of the Spoiled Child" includes some broad ideas on how to do this and what it looks like.

The heart of Kohn's philosophy all comes down to unconditional love. Whether you agree or disagree with his parenting methods, that's something everyone can get behind.

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New parenting app

Like having a pediatrician in your pocket

When you're a new parent, it's typical to wonder "Is this normal?" several times a day and to want to phone your pediatrician and ask. Dr. Jennifer Tractenberg is all too familiar with parents' endless concerns about their newborns, so she developed Baby Bundle, an app that allows her to be there for her patients 24/7, at least virtually.

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Baby Bundle not only offers parenting advice, it also tracks development, doctor's appointments and health information and has a built-in monitor. You can also upload photos of your child to the app, creating a virtual baby book and photo album. When you enter your child's height, weight and other information, the app pulls up national averages so you can see how your child compares. EMILY LAURENCE

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♉ Taurus | April 21-May 21. You are well on your way to achieving your goals. Stay on track. Don't listen to negative remarks.

♊ Gemini | May 22-June 20. Treat yourself to something nice. A moneymaking opportunity could be hidden in an old idea. Revive past goals and get working on a project that you've ignored for too long.

♋ Cancer | June 21-July 22. A home improvement project will go smoothly if you get everyone to pitch in. Youngsters will enjoy being included.

♌ Leo | July 23-Aug. 22. Get out of your comfort zone with a new sport or exercise. An unscheduled trip could result in a romantic relationship.

♍ Virgo | Aug. 23-Sept. 22. Make sure your explanations are crystal clear. A misinterpreted remark could cause a rift. Be especially careful when operating machinery.

♎ Libra | Sept. 23-Oct. 22. You have been lax about following your fitness goals. Get back on track or you will be battling weakness. A romantic involvement is likely.

♏ Scorpio | Oct. 23-Nov. 21. A friend is likely to complain. Get your chores out of the way and avoid an argument.

♐ Sagittarius | Nov. 22-Dec. 21. Attending an event will bring you into contact with influential people. Be truthful about your qualifications. A career change could be in the offing.

♑ Capricorn | Dec. 22-Jan 20. Seek professional help if you are having a problem that appears too difficult to handle on your own.

♒ Aquarius | Jan. 21-Feb 18. Your monetary situation is due for a shakeup. Lady Luck is looking out for you. Financial gains are apparent.

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Letters

Sarcasm, lost

Re: Sex appeals to letter writers, April 14, 2014
Oh, Mike [Discolo]. I sincerely hope that you will never picture me at all. I apologize that my wit bothers your wholesome ears so much, but to insinuate that I'm not well-spoken is not only an untruth but a sad way of attempting to get your point across, whatever your point might have been. Did you bother to read the whole comment and actually comprehend my sarcasm and disgust, or did you just pull my buzz words out in an attempt to disparage someone you don't know? I find it extremely amusing the fact that you spoke not once of the lack of class in [Miranda] Kerr's photograph and the message it sends (or the absolute absurdity of the "Style" section). Guess some of us are better at belittling people than addressing the issues.

Quoted

"Is there such a thing as negative hyperbole? Tom Foreman goes out of his way to tell us that Noah is the worst movie ever made, but doesn't bother to tell us why."

Alan Brocavich, Philadelphia
RE: Noah Way, April 11-13, 2014

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30 Standings
33 Kind of premiere
34 Dartboard locale
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8 Constantly, to Poe
9 Studied hard
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13 Road crew's need
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22 Usher's beat
24 Lap dog, slangily
25 Loses steam
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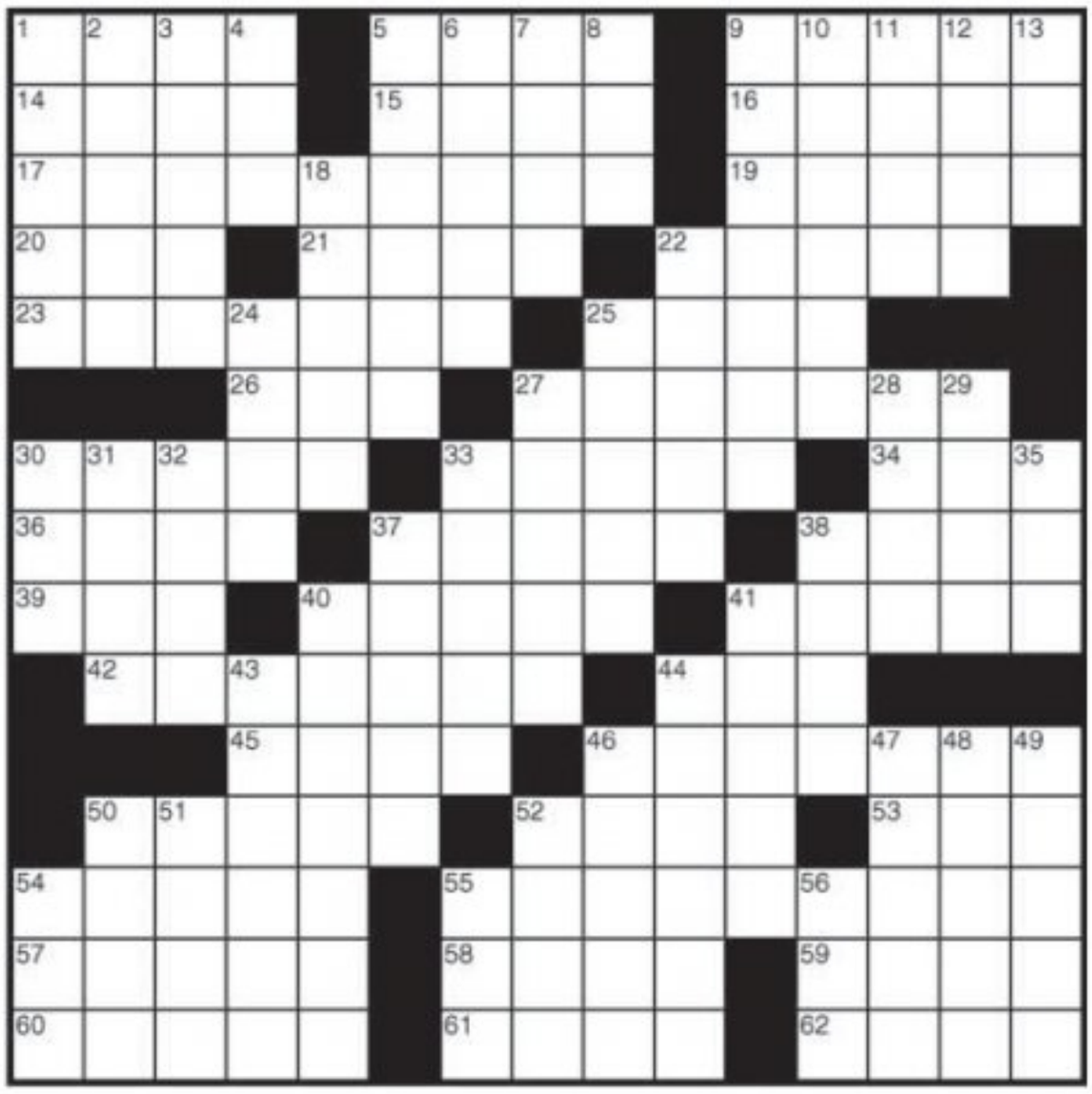

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See you in Rio?

Phelps back in the pool

The winningest Olympian of all time is back in the pool. Michael Phelps announced Monday that he will compete at the Arena Grand Prix in late April. Phelps, who owns 18 gold medals, is still debating a comeback for the 2016 Olympics in Brazil.

LIKE IT OR NOT, CHANGE IS COMING FOR PHILLIES

The Phillies celebrate after Jimmy Rollins' walk off homer Saturday night. / GETTY IMAGES

The shocking number of empty seats this past week at Citizens Bank Park — thousands and thousands of them in the upper decks and throughout the outfield — screamed the truth into the faces of the people running the Phillies. Were they listening?

President Dave Montgomery and GM Ruben Amaro Jr. may believe there is still some life left in the aging core of the 2008 champions, but the fans are buying none of it — nor are they buying tickets to witness the end of an era. Based on attendance in these first few games, the Phillies are a business in free-fall.

During a week filled with low attendance numbers, the most staggering was last Friday night, when 22,283 fans turned out on an unseasonably warm spring evening, which is 51 percent of the capacity at Citizens Bank Park. Two years ago, the Phils were in the final stages of a team-record 257-game streak of sellouts, and now half the park is empty.

Phillies fans are not like those of the Eagles or Flyers, who fill every seat in good times and bad. Baseball has too many games, and too many tickets to sell every night, for this ugly underbelly not to show when a team disappoints. The fans are making a powerful statement right now that this ball club, and the people running it, have squandered their faith and their support.

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And that indictment includes the players. Ryan Howard, a $25-million-a-year slugger who should know better, said one night before that embarrassing 22,000 turnout that the Phillies were "playing very well," a statement that would have been comical if it weren't so insulting. The fan response was the lowest attendance for a Phils game in eight years.

No one thought, even in the best days of 2008, that the Phillies would remain on top forever, but who ever could have envisioned a fall in fan support this jarring? Remember, the Phils won 102 games in 2011, more than any team in the game. Just two full seasons later, they are a losing team with thousands of seats they can no longer fill.

Now comes the tough part, especially for Montgomery — one of the nicest men in sports facing a challenge not suited to kindness. He has often tried to deflect blame for the current state of the team from the obvious target, Amaro, but it is far too late for that now. The GM must go, before the inevitable task of rebuilding begins.

Since the rise of the best Phillies team ever — the 2006-11 edition — the organization has reaped unprecedented acclaim and extraordinary financial success, but that era is over now. If the Phillies had any doubt how their fans feel about this team, all they had to do is look beyond the outfield at that vast expanse of empty seats.

The fans have spoken. Change is coming. Believe it.

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Cataldi. The Eagles continue to act like they are hiding things

The Eagles have remained completely silent about their decision to cut DeSean Jackson last month. / GETTY IMAGES

Just when it appeared the Eagles had moved past the fan-unfriendly era of Joe Banner, they have managed to put together two months of disrespect that rivals the darkest days of Banner's reign. Who stole the voice of Philadelphia's most popular team?

The latest example of the team's puzzling inaccessibility came last week, when Temple president Neil Theobald said his football team may have to move out of Lincoln Financial Field because the Eagles are threatening to double the rent. Since part of the funding for the Linc came from taxpayers, the Birds needed to respond publicly, to address all of the questions.

Instead, they issued yet another terse statement claiming there have been no negotiations with Temple in more than a year and basically implying that Theobald was not telling the truth. Whose brilliant idea was it after an exhilarating 10-6 comeback season to communicate with fans through official statements?

The Eagles did it when they released Pro Bowl receiver DeSean Jackson in the prime of his career last month, and they're doing it again with this Temple issue. Other than a league-mandated appearance by Chip Kelly at the NFL owners meetings and an impromptu session with the media before the coach received an award in Atlantic City, the Eagles have gone mum.

Why? What are they hiding? What won't they say about the release of Jackson? Why are they afraid to answer questions about their dealings with Temple? There's a good chance the Eagles have logical answers to all of these questions, but we won't know what they are until they start respecting the fans whose support pays their salaries.

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Cataldi on Rutgers

Hermann makes mockery "cleaning up" Rutgers' sports

The shrill bureaucrat who was summoned to clean up the Rutgers University athletic program needs to clean out her mouth first — and then clean out her desk. In a sports world rife with obnoxious people, Julie Hermann stands alone these days.

Speaking before a journalism class recently, Hermann openly wished for the demise of New Jersey's largest newspaper, the Newark Star-Ledger. The struggling paper, which announced 167 layoffs last week, has had the audacity to chronicle the many outrageous acts by Hermann before and during her pitiful tenure at the state university.

For example, reporters uncovered the story of an insurrection by the players on her 1997 Tennessee volleyball team after she called them "whores, alcoholic and learning disabled."

Somehow, the paper — which quoted some of her players by name — found those allegations pertinent because Hermann was brought in to end the bullying that cost basketball coach Mike Rice his job in 2012.

The Star-Ledger also caught Hermann in an apparent lie when she said she had spoken personally to the family of football player Jevon Tyree last season after he had accused Rutgers coaches of bullying him. Tyree's father, Mark, said, on the record, that Hermann had not spoken to the family.

So far, Hermann has offered no plausible defense for any of her actions, including her proclamation that it would be "great" if the Star-Ledger died — thereby costing the jobs of many of the taxpayers paying her annual $450,000 salary.

Hermann is supposed to be an educator, a role model. She is a disgrace. She deserves a fate no better than the one she wished on the staffers at the Newark Star-Ledger. She should be fired today.

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JULIE HERMANN HAS FOUND HERSELF BACK IN TROUBLE AGAIN. GETTY IMAGES

Idle thoughts

- Jimmy Rollins hit a game-winning homer Saturday night thanks in part to a fan behind the Phillies dugout who was heckling him just before the blast. "It worked," Rollins said. Now, if it's not asking too much, maybe Rollins could feel the same level of intensity without the verbal inspiration.
- Even though he clobbered three homers and knocked in 10 runs, Ryan Braun deserved every boo he got last week at Citizens Bank Park. The Milwaukee Brewers slugger said the fan reaction to his steroid suspension inspired him. Apparently, his $10 million paycheck is not sufficient motivation.
- If you're looking for some good news on the Phillies, check out a game in Reading, where closer Ken Giles is routinely registering readings of 100 mph on the radar gun. His highest reading is 103, and he told me last week he has finally found his control. At 23, he won't be in the minor leagues much longer. Bet on it.
- Craig Berube has done an exceptional job reviving the Flyers in his first year as coach, but the team is one-and-done in the playoffs, guaranteed. Other than Claude Giroux, no one on the roster scares opponents, and goaltender Steve Mason is not good enough to carry the team. Hey, after last year, at least they made it this time.
- The Sixers will end their season Wednesday night in Miami. I offer this nugget of information just in case, for some reason, you haven't been paying attention.

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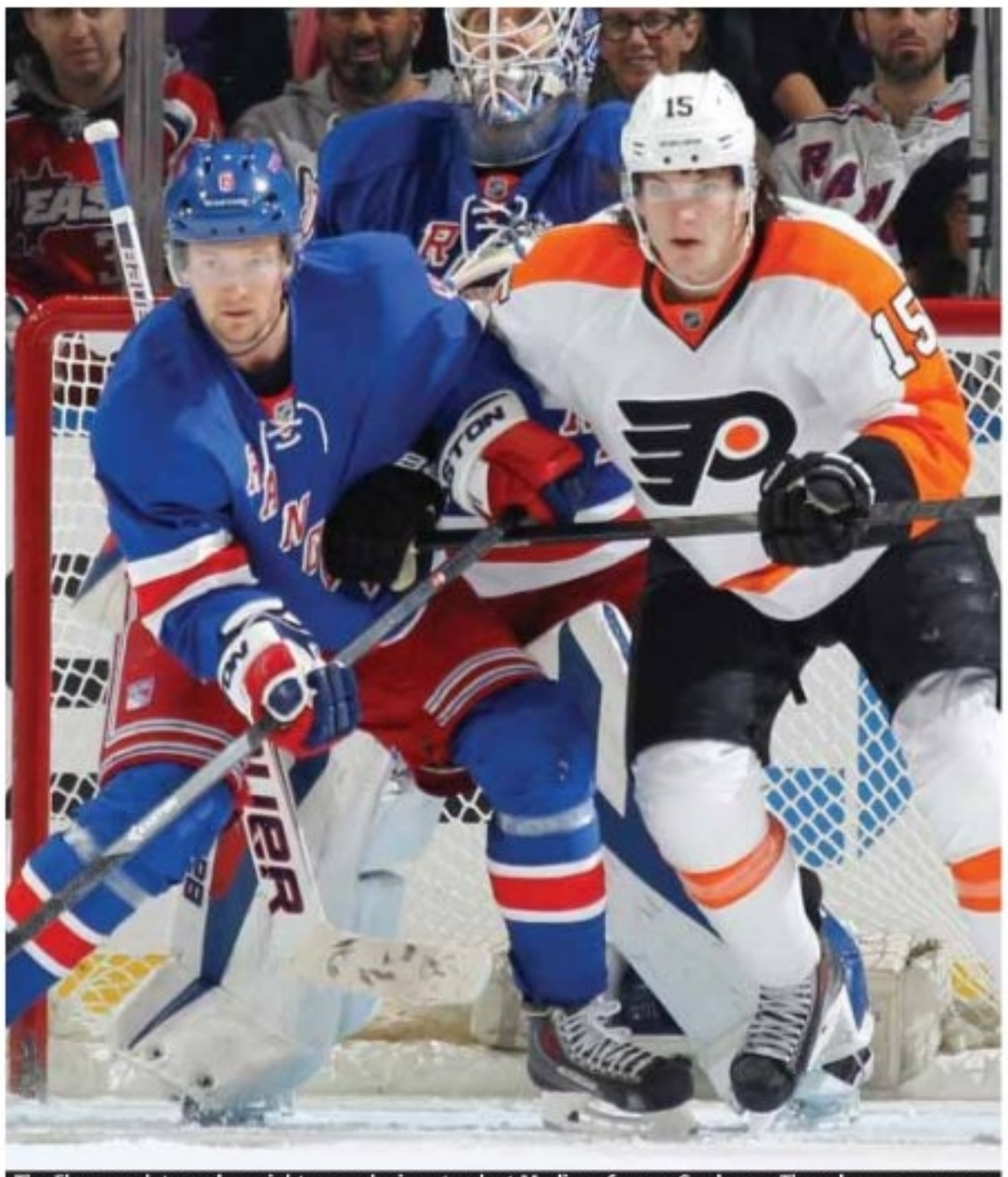

The Flyers seek to end an eight-game losing streak at Madison Square Garden on Thursday. / GETTY IMAGES

Flyers need to make presence felt in New York

NHL. The Flyers and Rangers have a rich, storied rivalry, and Philadelphia must play a physical game to prevail.

Ever since Dave Schultz hammered Dale Rolfe into submission in Game 7 of the 1974 Stanley Cup semifinals on the Broad Street Bullies' way to their first Cup the Flyers and Rangers have seldom had much affection for each other.

Perhaps it's the proximity of the two biggest cities in the East or the air of superiority that seems to emanate from the Big Apple, but whenever these two square off the intensity seems to rise. That's especially true in the postseason, which has happened 10 times, the Flyers holding a 6-4 advantage.

Meeting No. 11, their first playoff encounter since Eric Lindros and the 1997 Flyers took the Broadway Blueshirts out in five, gets underway Thursday at Madison Square Garden, where the Flyers have gone winless their last eight visits, being outscored 31-9 in the process.

Now that they're in the playoffs they have a few days to study Rangers star goalie Henrik Lundqvist. And they're confident they can change recent history.

"Lundqvist is a good goalie," said Flyers leading goal scorer Wayne Simmonds (29), "To get pucks past him you're going to have to take away his eyes and keep peppering him and peppering him. We're going to try to not let him be a factor in the series, but we also have to go about our business and worry about ourselves."

While beating Lundqvist certainly is the priority, the fact is the Rangers don't present nearly the same offensive firepower as the other two teams the Flyers could've drawn, the Penguins and Bruins. While the Flyers boast seven 20-goal scorers, the Rangers have only two, Rick Nash (26) and Brad Richards (20).

They do, however, have seven others, who have scored 14 or more and can be dangerous on the power play, making staying out of the box critical. Plus, they have Vinny Lecavalier's old sidekick, Martin St. Louis, who's struggled fitting in on Broadway since coming over at the trade deadline.

What makes the Rangers so effective, especially when they play the Flyers is their defense, checking and especially shot-blocking. Ryan McDonagh, Dan Girardi and Marc Staal are masters at disrupting what appear to be scoring threats. And when pucks do make it through there's always Lundqvist looming as last resort.

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On the 'Range'

Flyers happy to play the role of underdogs

The rest of the league doesn't matter for the next two-and-a-half weeks. Right now for the Flyers, it's all about beating the Rangers.

"They're obviously a really good team," said Kimmo Timonen. "No question about it, they're going to be favored. We go in there and have to play a smart road game. Not turn the puck over — the last few games we've played there, we turned the puck over too many times. They're really quick when you do that and they're going to score. We know it will be a tough place to play and they're a tough team to play against, but I'm really confident about our team."

Kimmo Timonen / GETTY IMAGES

By the numbers

4-8

The Flyers were just 4-8 to close out the season.

There's reason for that. Other than a late season stumble that saw the team go 0-2-2, the Flyers have been pretty solid since getting off to a 1-7 start. And remember, no more shootouts should it go to overtime — they play until somebody scores.

While this will be Craig Berube's first postseason in the NHL, he does have AHL experience, not to mention a half-dozen years as a No. 2 man on the bench.

"They play a fast game; they're an attack team, and they have three balanced lines that can score," said Berube, who expects to have Steve Mason — sidelined Saturday by a hit from Pittsburgh's Jayson Megna — back for Game 1 on Thursday night. "They try to forecheck hard and their defense is aggressive. But I think it's important for us to focus on our game and not be worrying about the Rangers too much. Worry about what we do and how we play."

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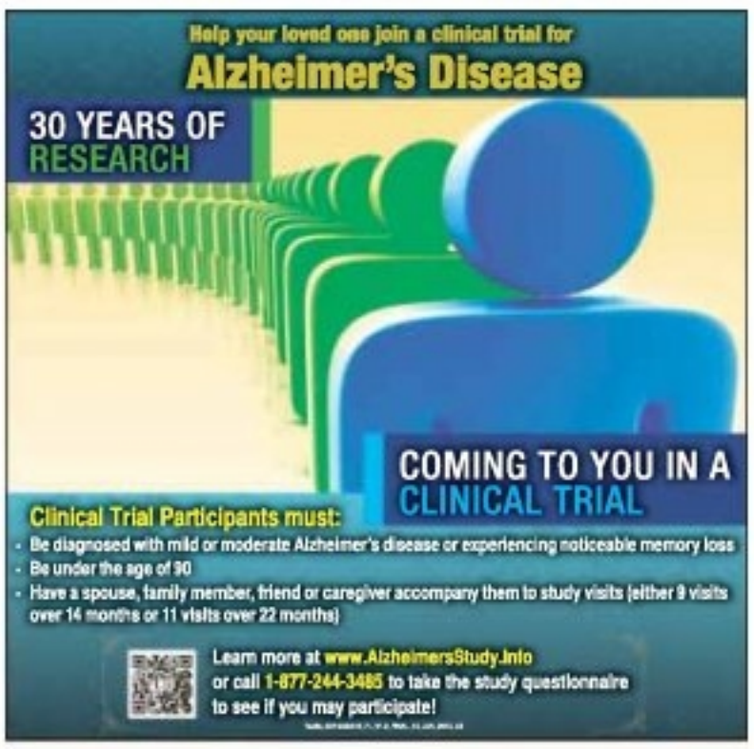
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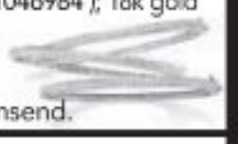

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